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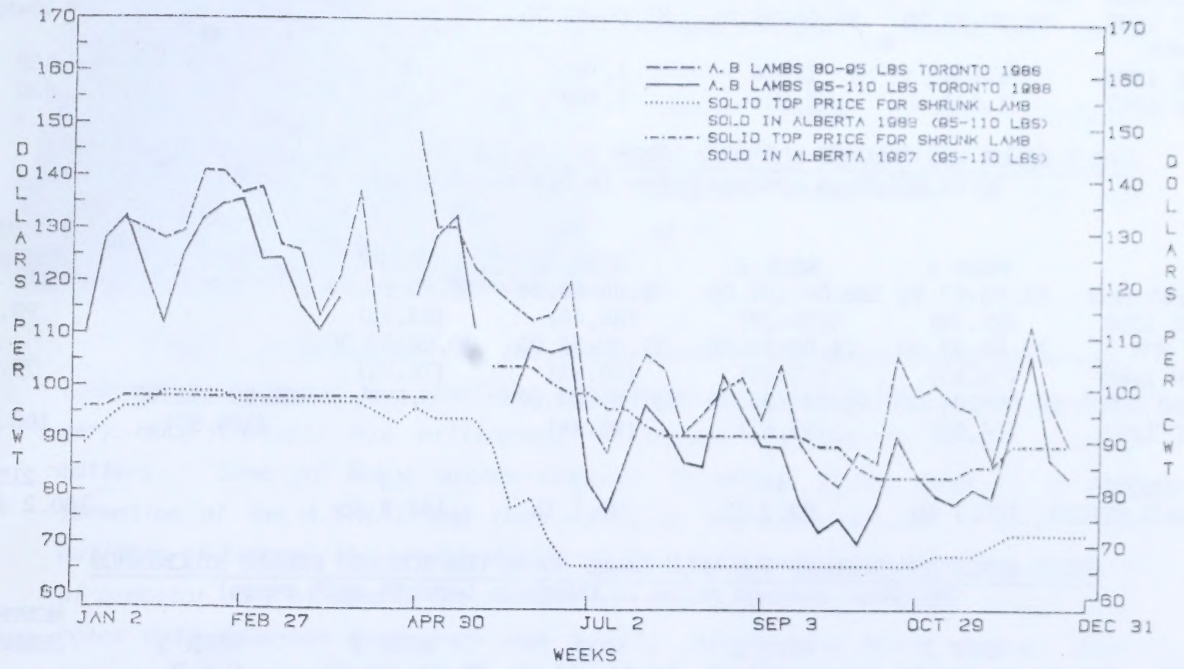


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WEEKLY AVERAGE SLAUGHTER LAMB PRICES



NOTE: INSUFFICIENT SALES FOR CERTAIN WEEKS.

December slaughter lamb prices in Alberta remained steady at about 20 percent below prices last December. The Lambco bid range for slaughter lambs was $69.00-$72.00 per cwt live or $1.53 per lb railgrade for the entire month. Volumes slaughtered at Lambco in December were down slightly from 1987.

As of the first week of 1989, Lambco bids had increased to a $71.00-$74.00 per cwt range, or $1.57 per lb railgrade. Similarly, offers at Fort MacLeod for slaughter sheep in early January were $76.00 per cwt. We can expect moderate seasonal price improvement to continue this spring, with $80.00 being a likely top end for Alberta slaughter lamb prices in 1989.

At the annual Agriculture Canada Outlook Conference this December, G. Birchfield made the following predictions:

1) Western Canadian lamb production will increase 2 percent or more in 1989 over 1988 levels.

2) Canadian lamb prices will decrease slightly relative to 1988, due to increased North American production.

3) The Canadian wool market will remain strong because of firm U.S., European and Japanese demand for wool.

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95--110 LBS AT LAMBCO

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON						
DEC 1988	69.00-72.00	69.00-72.00	69.00-72.00	69.00-72.00	69.00-72.00	69.00-72.00
LAST MON						
NOV 1988	65.00-68.00	65.00-68.00	65.00-68.00	67.00-70.00		65.50-68.50
YR AGO MON						
DEC 1987	86.00-89.00	86.00-89.00	86.00-89.00	86.00-89.00	86.00-89.00	86.00-89.00
VOLUMES						
DEC 1988	1,138	1,524	1,748	1,412	836	6,658
DEC 1987	1,534	1,834	1,362	1,094	996	6,820

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS

(With Weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	81.00-97.00	100.00-109.00	78.00-88.00	75.00-88.00	N.E.P.	
DEC 1988	(91.79)	(106.00)	(86.45)	(82.93)		90.40
LAST MON	72.00-97.00	74.00-82.00	75.00-88.00	70.00-82.00		
NOV 1988	(79.47)	(77.80)	(80.68)	(78.91)		79.55
YR AGO MON	90.00-104.00	97.00-120.00	90.00-104.00	N.E.P.	102.00-111.00	
DEC 1987	(96.91)	(97.51)	(96.48)		(109.95)	100.26
DEC VOLUMES	38	44	73	60		215
AVERAGE WEIGHT	100.7 lb	99.2 lb	98.5 lb	102.8 lb		100.2 lb

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 80-95 LBS TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS

(Weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	80.00-113.00	103.00-120.00	80.00-110.00	75.00-110.00	N.E.P.	
DEC 1988	(99.24)	(112.26)	(96.92)	(89.25)		98.21
LAST MON	80.00-128.00	84.00-118.00	84.25-110.00	80.00-110.00		
NOV 1988	(100.51)	(97.05)	(95.51)	(85.75)		94.50
YR AGO MON	90.00-110.00	97.00-120.00	97.00-135.00	109.00-125.00	110.00-134.00	
DEC 1987	(102.84)	(106.27)	(113.29)	(116.20)	(120.44)	108.92
DEC VOLUMES	203	127	410	164		904
AVERAGE WEIGHT	87.1 lb	87.0 lb	85.7 lb	86.8 lb		86.4 lb

Prices quoted for 95-110 lb lambs are bid prices at Lambco and auction prices at Toronto Public Stockyards for good quality lambs. The lower end of the Alberta price range reflects bids for short haul or unshrunk lambs while the upper end of the range represents bids for long haul or shrunk lambs. Producers delivering to the Toronto Public Stockyards pay commission and yardage fees for each animal sold. Producers delivering to Lambco pay $1/head checkoff to the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission.

The Toronto auction price is from the Special Sheep and Lamb Sale held on Monday each week.

N.E.P. - No established price

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January, 1989



It is with a great deal of sadness that I inform the sheep people of Alberta about the recent death of Bob Shopland. On Friday, January 6, 1989, Bob Shopland passed away at the age of 72.

Bob's contributions to the sheep industry are unsurpassed by anyone. Although Bob shunned the limelight throughout his career, his accomplishments very much indicate his willingness to become involved in sheep industry matters. Some of Bob's accomplishments include: being involved in the formation of the A.S.W.C. and then acting as secretary-manager 10 years; the building of Lambco; the establishment of the sheep technicians and the creation of predator control specialists; assuming responsibilities of many directorship roles with Edmonton Northlands and finally, duties with North Central Sheep Sales. This list of accomplishments is by no means complete. Bob Shopland also devoted considerable time and effort to various activities at Kirk United Church.

The sheep industry of Alberta has lost a leader that will be very hard to replace. Everyone that knew Bob Shopland will miss him.

Wray Whitmore



1989

January 28	Monthly Sheep and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.
February 14	Ponoka Sheep Producers Group. Topics to be discussed include Maximizing Reproductive Efficiency. Ponoka Provincial Building, 7:00 P.M. For further information call Brenda Ralston, 783-4476 or Wray Whitmore, 427-5083.
February 16	North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder Lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information contact Bruce McGhan, Calmar at 985-3744.
February 20 - 22	Sheep Production Course. Hands on instructional course. Topics to be covered include: nutrition, management systems, facility requirements, record keeping, how to select sound sheep, lambing, condition scoring, tail docking and castration. Cost is $140.00 for all three days. Instructors for the course will be Gordon Kure, Bill Jackson and Barry Wilson. For further information call Olds College, Extension Services at 556-8344 or Jim Freeman at 556-8367.
February 23 & 25	Sheep Shearing Course. Hands on course to develop skills for proper shearing and foot trimming. Instructor will be Bruce McGhan. Cost is $125.00. For further information call Olds College, Extension Services at 556-8344 or Jim Freeman at 556-8367.
February 25	Monthly Sheep and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.

March 8	*Entry Date for the Ram Test Station. You are invited to enter ram lambs into this year's station test. As soon as you have decided to enter rams into this year's station test, please contact the Station Manager, Cathy Gallivan (948-8517) so the pre-entry veterinary inspection can be arranged where required.*
March 14	*Ponoka Sheep Producers Group. Topics to be discussed include Control of Internal and External Parasites. Ponoka Provincial Building, 7:00 P.M. For further information call Brenda Ralston, 783-4476 or Wray Whitmore, 427-5083.*
March 16	*North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder Lambs and Easter Lamb Sale (40-60 lbs). Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information contact Bruce McGhan, Calmar at 985-3744.*
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July 21-22	*Wildrose Sheep Sale, Hereford Centre, Innisfail. Entrise close April 1, 1989. To receive a catalogue in the spring, please write or call the ASBA office in Calgary at 2504 Toronto Crescent N.W., T2N 3V9, 282-6736.*
November 30 *December 1 & 2*	*1989 Alberta Sheep Symposium. Details to follow in upcoming issues.*



ALBERTA SHEEP & WOOL COMMISSION

1989 ANNUAL ZONE MEETINGS

FRESH ALBERTA LAMB
You Deserve The Best

ZONE #1 – FORT MACLEOD – PINCHER CREEK – CARDSTON
DATE: **TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1989**
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: SCARLET & GOLD RESTAURANT
FORT MACLEOD, ALTA.

ZONE #2 – NANTON – LETHBRIDGE – MEDICINE HAT
DATE: **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1989**
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: HERITAGE INN, TABER, ALTA.
(DIRECTOR ELECTION SCHEDULED)

ZONE #3 – OLDS – CALGARY – BROOKS
DATE: **THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1989**
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: WHEATLAND COUNTY INN
STRATHMORE, ALTA.
(DIRECTOR ELECTION SCHEDULED)

ZONE #4 – WETASKIWIN – RED DEER – CORONATION
DATE: **TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 1989**
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: JIMMYS OASIS RESTAURANT & HOTEL
PONOKA, ALTA.

ZONE #5 – WAINWRIGHT – VEGREVILLE – ST. PAUL – LLOYDMINSTER
DATE: **THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1989**
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: BRUNSWICK MOTOR INN,
VERMILION, ALTA.

ZONE #6 – THORHILD – EDMONTON – DRAYTON VALLEY – WHITECOURT
DATE: **MONDAY, MARCH 20, 1989**
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: STONY MOTOR INN,
STONY PLAIN, ALTA.

ZONE #7 – PEACE RIVER – VALLEYVIEW
DATE: **SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 1989**
TIME: 1:00 P.M.
PLACE: COURTESY CORNER RESTAURANT
RYCROFT, ALTA.
(DIRECTOR ELECTION SCHEDULED)

PLEASE ATTEND THE MEETING CLOSEST TO YOUR OPERATION.

NOTE: *YOU MUST BE A RESIDENT SHEEP PRODUCER IN THE ZONE WHERE ELECTIONS ARE SCHEDULED IN ORDER TO VOTE. PHONE THE ALBERTA SHEEP & WOOL COMMISSION OFFICE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.*

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ARE YOU READY?

by G. W. Kure
Alberta Sheep Technician

At roughly 146 to 148 days following the date you put the ram into the flock, you can expect to have some lambs on the ground. The question is--are you ready for them? Lambing time is the most critical time of the year for you and your flock. The biggest losses occur in the first four days after birth, so I cannot stress too strongly the importance of a high level of management during this time.

Assuming your flock has been treated for keds before winter set itn, treated for internal parasites when it was brought into winter facilities, vaccinated with eight-way vaccine about two or three weeks before lambing, placed on a good nutritional programme that includes minerals, salt, Vitamins ADE with selenium and a good clean water supply, lambs should be born strong and ewes prepared to produce milk for them.

The lambing area should be prepared prior to lambing. Claiming pens should be s et up and feed and water utensils collected ready for use. Have a good supply of clean dry straw and feed close at hand. Consider the type of creep ration you'll be feeding. Milk replacer and equipment should be ready for immediate use if needed. Consult the Alberta Sheepman's Manual and your local veterinarian as to what vet supplies you'll need--lay in a supply. These products when needed are needed now and not the day after tomorrow.

The claiming pen area should be well-lighted, draft free, and maintained at approximately 50°F. An effort should be made to keep the humidity low. Exhaust fans may be employed. Whatever method of artificial heat is used, get those lambs dry and keep them dry. Ewes and lambs should not be kept in this area longer than necessary. If they are mothered up and feeding well, both ewes and lambs are better off in draft-free sheds or barns that are near outside temperatures.

Every lamb barn should have a ewe stanchion-- stanchions come in really handy for fostering lambs and ge-ting the odd ewe to accept her lambs. A panel should be put on either side of the stanchion to contain the lambs. With a little practice, this item is a real labour-saver.

I stress the importance of trying to be ready for lambing because your time is needed to care for your ewes and newborn lambs. Keep facilities and equipment sanitary, keep good records, and get enough sleep so you are effective on the job. Much more could be said about lambing procedures, but I hope the above will prove to be of some assistance.

If you are to be a happy shepherd and save most of your lambs, try to avoid the following:

1) Trying to find some boards under four feet of snow to build a claiming pen at 3:00 am on a cold night.

2) Repairing a window the kids broke last summer in the lamb barn-- after a sudden blizzard arrives.

3) Going to auction market to try and get some good second-cut alfalfa the morning after 30 ewes lambed.

4) Trying to con the local stockman's supply merchant into leaving a curling draw in the 8th-end-tie, to open his store to give you some much needed penicillin.

Produci ng a good lamb crop is not good luck--it's good management. The best to you and your flock in the coming year.
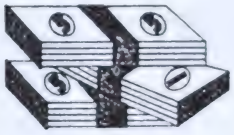
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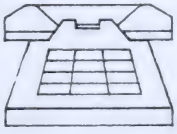
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(ALIVE!)

One "healthy" spider ram. This ram must be capable of producing viable semen for natural or AI matings. The ram will be used to produce known carrier ewes to be added to the test flock at Olds College.

Reward Offered!





403-948-8517

The Alberta Sheep Breeders Association

Spider Syndrome Committee



Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association

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1989 ALBERTA RAM TEST STATION NOTICE

OLDS COLLEGE

ENTRY DATES

February 22 (only if 15 or more rams are entered prior to Feb. 17. Call 948-8517 to enter rams on this date.)
March 8
March 22
April 5

You are invited to enter ram lambs into this year's station test. See attached regulations for details.

VETERINARY INSPECTION: (New Contributors)

Please, as soon as you have decided to enter rams into this year's station test, contact Station Manager, Cathy Gallivan (948-8517) to obtain a pre-entry veterinary inspection form to be filled out by your veterinarian when your flock is inspected. The cost of this pre-entry inspection is the responsibility of the producer.

PLEASE FILL IN AND MAIL THE ATTACHED ENTRY FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

1988 ALBERTA RAM TEST STATION REGULATIONS

A. ELIGIBILITY

1) Any sheep breeder may enter purebred ram lambs which are registered or eligible for registration. Ewe lambs will not be accepted on test.

2) All ram lambs born in the fall of 1988 or later will be eligible for test.

3) All out-of-province contributors will be required to submit a flock health certificate signed by a qualified veterinarian. This certificate must be obtained from:

Cathy Gallivan
Alberta Agriculture
Bag Service #1
Airdrie, Alberta
T4B 2C1 (403) 948-8517

4) Any contributor may be subject to a flock health inspection at the discretion of the station management.

5) All rams will be carefully inspected on arrival at the station and may be refused entry for health reasons.

6) All rams must have their feet trimmed and be tattooed prior to delivery. Rams whose feet have not been trimmed or which are not tattooed will be refused entry.

7) It is recommended that all lambs be vaccinated for enterotoxemia at least two weeks prior to delivery.

8) Rams which pass the veterinary inspection on arrival will immediately be:

a. weighed
b. eartagged with a test station identification number
c. fecal sampled
d. dewormed (Ivomec)
e. given a 7-way clostridial vaccine and a Hemophilus vaccine
f. footbathed (zinc sulphate)

9) During the test all rams will be:

a. blood-sampled for Brucella ovis
b. given a 7-way booster
c. given 2 Hemophilus boosters
d. vaccinated for soremouth

10) All lambs which pass the A.D.G. cull will be sheared before the cull for physical defects.

11) Following the completion of test, a performance report will be issued which will include:

    a. actual on-test weight of each lamb
    b. actual off-test weight of each lamb
    c. average daily gain on test of each lamb (indexed)
    d. ultrasonic backfat measurement of each lamb (G.R. site)
    e. overall within-breed performance evaluation

12) Lambs will be ranked on the basis of A.D.G. index and the sale catalogue will be published on this basis.

13) Visitors to the test station while lambs are on test are encouraged, but interested persons are advised to contact Barry Wilson (556-8202) prior to their arrival.

14) No animal will be released from the station prior to the end of test without permission of the station manager. The manager reserves the right to reject any animal during the test and request the owner to remove it from the station.

B. HEALTH REGULATIONS

1) Sheep which come from a blue tongue area as defined by Agriculture Canada will not be accepted.

2) Prior to accepting lambs on test, all new contributors' flocks must be inspected and found free of communicable disease or condition potentially dangerous to the health of other animals at the station. (NOTE: In 1989, rams with clinical evidence of soremouth will not be accepted.

C. TEST CONDITIONS

1) Lambs are to be delivered to the test station by the breeder or his representative on either February 22, March 8, 22 or April 5, 1989, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. At delivery, live weight of each lamb must be between 22.7 kg (50 lbs) and 34.1 kg (75 lbs) for Suffolk and Hampshire breeds and 20.5 kg (45 lbs) and 31.8 kg (70 lbs) for other breeds. NOTE: There are no limitations on the number of lambs a breeder may enter on test. However, if pen space becomes a problem, those breeders entering more than 10 rams may be required to limit their entries.

2) At the time lambs are delivered to the station, contributors must submit 3 generation pedigrees, completed applications for registration and completed transfer forms for each lamb. If these are not received before the physical cull, the animal will be culled from the sale on this basis.

3) All lambs must be tattooed prior to arrival. Lambs which are not tattooed on culling day, will be culled from the sale.

4) All lambs entered will be fed in groups governed by the following:

    a. lambs from each entry date will be kept separate
    b. large and small breeds will be kept separate where possible

5) Following a 14-day adjustment period, all lambs will commence an official 56-day performance test. They will be weighed on-test and every two weeks thereafter. On-test and off-test weights will be an average of two consecutive days.

6) All lambs will be fed a pelleted complete ration, free choice, and hay.

7) Salt and mineral will be available free choice.

8) Each pen shall have individual feeders and automatic waterers.

9) All lambs will have their feet trimmed as required.

D. GENERAL

1) The Alberta ROP Sheep Advisory Committee reserves the right to make all decisions regarding the ram test station.

2) The Committee consists of the following:

Mr. Mike Southwood - Agriculture Canada Representative
Mr. Carl Rose - Buyer Representative
Mr. Ian Clark - Alberta Sheep & Wool Commission Representative
Mr. Clarence Jones - Alberta Sheep Breeders Representative
Mr. Lloyd Pickard - Alberta Sheep Breeders Representative
Mr. Ross Gould (Chairman) - Alberta Agriculture
Dr. Ray Fenton - Veterinary Services Division Alberta Agriculture
Ms. Cathy Gallivan (Secretary) - Test Station Manager, Alberta Agriculture
Mr. Wray Whitmore - Home Test Coordinator, Alberta Agriculture

F. TEST FEES

1) Alberta Agriculture will provide the test station, the required manpower, facilities, inspection technical assistance and supervision. Breeders entering rams on test shall pay for the feed and extra veterinary expenses only.

2) There shall be a $40 fee per lamb entered on test; half will be payable upon reservation of pen space, and the remainder payable upon delivery to the station. If the feed and veterinary expenses exceed $40 per lamb, an additional charge will be made upon completion of test. If the expenses per lamb are less than $40 the difference will be refunded.

OUT OF PROVINCE BREEDERS

Since Alberta Agriculture is subsidizing the test station and sale to the level of approximately $40 per animal, contributors from outside the province will be required to pay an additional $40 per animal above the aforementioned fee.

3) For a premium of $5/ram, contributors may insure their rams against death loss between the time of entry and the fall of the hammer. Payout will be determined by dividing the number of insured rams which die into the total collected premium. Payout shall not exceed $150/head. Any surplus in collected premiums will be refunded each year to contributors who purchase this insurance.

4) Cheques or money orders for fees should be made payable to Olds College.

5) All fees connected with the test station must be paid before animals are released.

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING SALE OF SHEEP
CONTRIBUTORS RESPONSIBILITY

Entries for the ram sale will be received only from persons who have entered sheep in the Ram Test Station at Olds College in 1989.

All animals entered for sale shall be inspected by a Culling Committee and shall be subject to rejection if found unsatisfactory in any way.

The cost of transferring the animal when sold to the purchaser must be paid by the seller.

All animals offered for sale must have been owned by the contributor at least 60 days prior to the sale.

Every animal offered for sale must be in sound health and free from physical defects.

All rams will be shorn prior to sale.

BREEDING GUARANTEE

Contributors to this sale guarantee that, subject to proper treatment, with care and exercise, all animals are warranted for a period of 6 months following the sale to be breeders. In case an animal proves to be a non-breeder, and providing the purchaser notifies the contributor within 6 months and proves his case, the contributor shall make adjustment and shall have the opportunity of selecting one of the following options:

1) refund one-half the purchase price
2) Take the animal back and supply one of equal value contributor paying the transportation charges on the animal returned and the purchaser paying transportation charges on the replacement animal.
3) take the animal back, paying transportation charges on same and refunding total purchase price.

The seller shall have the right, if he so desires, to try a ram for 30 days before making final adjustments to determine the ram's usefulness or lack of usefulness as a breeder.

Any contributor refusing to make adjustments of claims approved by the Advisory Committee may be refused the privilege of future sales held by the ROP Committee.

For a premium of $20, buyers may insure rams for a 30 day period following the sale. Insured value shall be deemed the lesser of purchase price or $300.

ORDER OF SALE FOR SHEEP

The ram with the highest A.D.G. will be sold first. Thereafter rams will be sold in descending order of index.

For human health reasons, rams which are otherwise eligible for sale which have active soremouth on sale day will not be available for viewing and/or handling in the sale barn prior to the sale. These rams will be sold through the sale ring after the soremouth-free rams.

Every care will be exercised by the Station Management to prevent injury to or loss of property, and to ensure the prompt collection and delivery of animals to the proper destination, but the Station Management, acting as a medium between buyer and seller, will not be responsible for any loss or damage whatsoever that may occur.

All purchases must be settled for during or immediately after the close of the sale. Buyers are particularly requested to note this rule.

At every sale, each bid shall be an offer by the person making the same to purchase the animal put for sale, and such offer shall be deemed accepted by the fall of the hammer of the Auctioneer, and there upon a contract of sale shall be created.

No purchaser shall retract a bid after the hammer falls.

The purchaser must file with the Station Management and the contributor within 6 months of the date of sale, a protest or affidavit that the animal is a non-breeder.

All animals entered for sale must be identified in accordance with the requirements of the Canadian National Livestock Records. Tattoo and tags must correspond with the pedigree.

Immediately after each purchase is declared and the animal removed from the sale ring to the pen by the seller, the risk thereof shall be exclusively with the purchaser, and until such settlement is made in terms of these conditions, the delivery of the animal or animals shall not be made.

Before an animal can be removed from the building, the buyer must present to the pavilion doorman an order signed by the clerk and give a receipt for the animal. This order must be left with the pavilion doorman and will be evidence of the delivery of the stock. Owner of animals that have been passed through the ring or have not been sold should procure an order from cashier's office before taking them out of the grounds.

Alberta Agriculture and/or Olds College shall have the power to give receipts in full, for all payments on stock and will remit the amount realized, less the proper charges for each animal, to the seller thereof, as quickly as possible after the sale.

STATION MANAGEMENT

The Station Management will act as Agent only.

It is to be clearly understood that the Station Management is only acting as a medium between buyer and seller and is not in any way responsible for any failure on the part of either party to live up to his obligations. Neither does the Station Management assume any financial obligation to collect or enforce collection of any monies between parties, and any legal action that may, in exceptional cases, be taken, must be between the buyer and seller themselves.

In all cases however, the influence of the Station Management will be exerted, as far as possible, to hold all parties strictly to these regulations.

The Station Manager shall have the power to reject any entry.

The Station Management reserves the right to decide any point not covered by the rules but necessary in the proper regulation and management of the sale.

The Station Management acts as agent only, and is responsible to the seller only for the proceeds of the sale when received.

All fees connected with the Ram Test Station must be paid before any animal is released.

ALBERTA RAM TEST STATION & SALE - 1989

(APPLICATION FORM)
(Please Print)

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

ANIMALS TO BE ENTERED:

ENTRY DATE	NUMBER OF RAMS	BREED

It is hereby understood that all lambs submitted by me to the Alberta Ram Test Station - 1989, and the Alberta Ram Test Station Sale - 1989 are at my risk, and that neither Alberta Agriculture, Olds College, nor any persons employed by them will be liable in the event of death, sickness or injury to animals entered into the above programs. I consent to the publishing of data relating to the performance of rams which I enter.

I have read and agree to abide by the regulations of the test station and sale.

NOTE: This year pedigree information in the catalogue will be extended to include grandsires and granddams of animals offered for sale. Please present this information as well as applications for registrations and transfer when you enter rams.

SIGNED: _____
(Contributor)

Please return this form immediately with a $20 deposit per ram to:

Cathy Gallivan
Sheep Specialist
Beef Cattle & Sheep Branch
Alberta Agriculture
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Airdrie, Alberta T4B 2C1
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RAM TEST STATION PEDIGREE INFORMATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

_____

PHONE NUMBER _____

FLOCK LETTERS _____

PLEASE NOTE! THIS PEDIGREE INFORMATION ALONG WITH COMPLETED APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AND SIGNED TRANSFERS MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF STATION MANAGEMENT BY THE TIME OF THE PHYSICAL CULL OR THE RAMS WILL BE CULLED AT THAT TIME!

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1. NAME OF ENTRY _____ TYPE OF BIRTH _____
(the way you wish it to appear in the sale catalogue) (S, Tw, Tr, Q)

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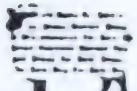
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The Classifieds

FOR SALE - SHEEP

2 DORSET rams, 1 registered. 37 ewes, mostly Dorset but some Suffolks. Some are registered Dorsets. Also 4 ewe lambs born in late spring. Call Dave Petersen, Lacombe, 885-5306 (after 6 PM) (1)

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15 DORSET/FINN ewe lambs. August born. Call Phyllis Wagar, Wetaskiwin, 352-3439 (2)

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POLYPAY EWE lambs. Exposed to rams. Selected for mothering ability and productivity under all-natural conditions. Call Vern Gleddie, Edmonton, 973-5627 (2)

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CUSTOMERS LIST for 70 freezer lambs, Calgary and area, per year plus cull mutton. Names are available with the purchase of 40 good crossbred ewes bred to a quad Finn ram to produce triplet rearing replacement ewes. Also 8 registered Finn ewes bred to quad Clun Forset ram. Good hay and grain available with flock or we can lamb out the flock here to give you hands on experience in lambing highly productive sheep. Sheep equipment (scale, clippers, etc.) also available. We would prefer to sell the flock as a unit, but will consider offers for parts. Call Tom Dorn, Cochrane, 932-2239 (2)

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FOR SALE - MISCELLANEOUS

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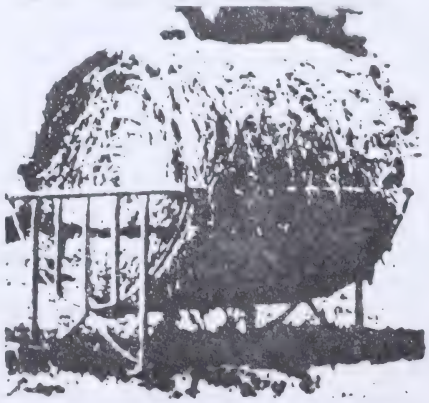
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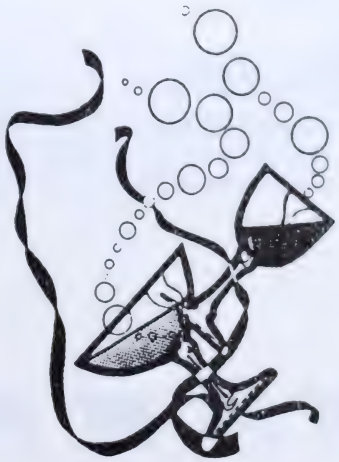
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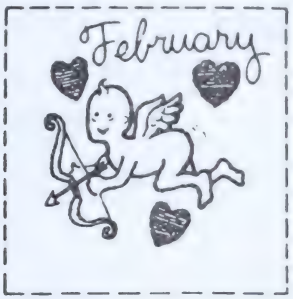
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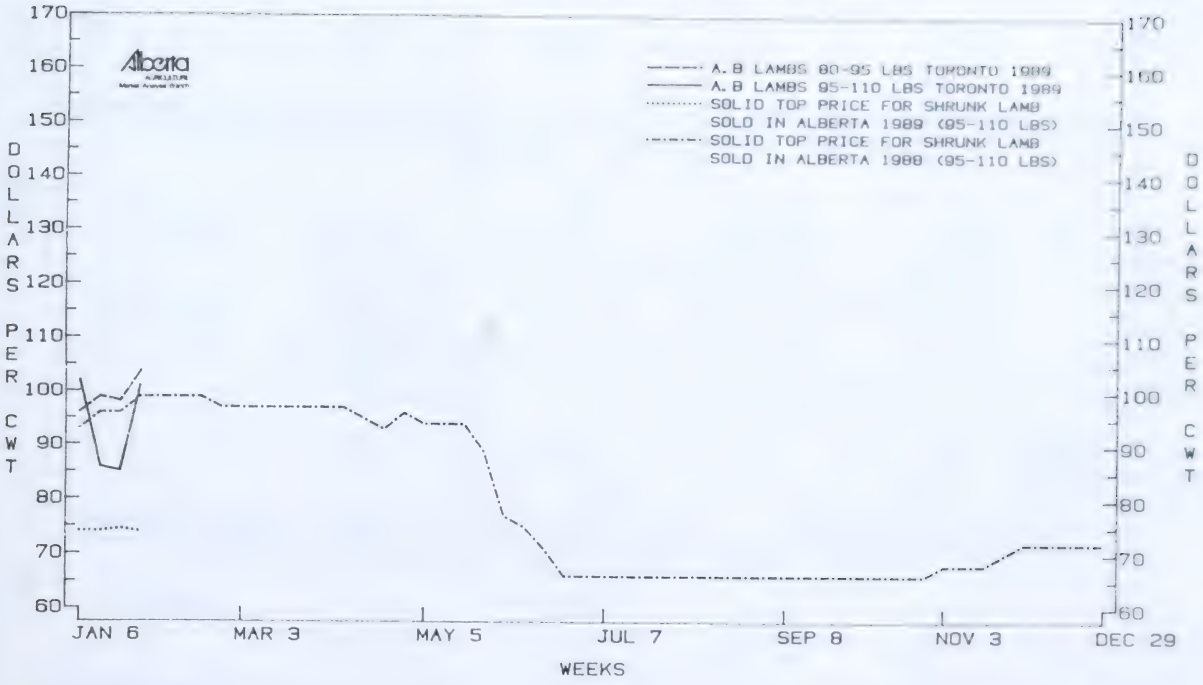
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MARKET REPORT

WEEKLY AVERAGE SLAUGHTER LAMB PRICES



NOTE: INSUFFICIENT SALES FOR CERTAIN WEEKS.

Lambco, Innisfail, slaughter lamb prices increased at the beginning of January and then held steady for the remainder of the month. The monthly price range was $71-$74 per cwt live or $1.57 railgrade, compared to a $69-$72 per cwt range in December. Slaughter volumes at Lambco in January, 1989 were up six percent compared to last January.

Prices of slaughter lambs at the Edmonton Public Stockyards in the January 19 sale ranged from $72-$75 per cwt. Feeder lambs were quoted at $78-$95 in the same sale. Prices quoted for slaughter weight lambs at Fort Macleod in January were mostly $76 per cwt. U.S. lamb markets have been trading steady to slightly higher in recent weeks, despite slight increases in slaughter volumes.

A fourth quarter payout of $12.59 per head was announced under the national tripartite stabilization plan for slaughter lambs. This is the second consecutive payout under the program, brought on by the price slide of last spring. Given current market conditions, modest payouts are expected in the next two quarters.

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT LAMBCO

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON						
JAN 1989	71.00-74.00	71.00-74.00	71.00-74.50	71.00-74.00		71.00-74.
LAST MON						
DEC 1988	69.00-72.00	69.00-72.00	69.00-72.00	69.00-72.00	69.00-72.00	69.00-72.
YR AGO MON						
JAN 1988	90.00-93.00	93.00-96.00	93.00-96.00	96.00-99.00		93.00-96.
VOLUMES						
1989	1,289	1,620	1,344	1,155		5,408
1988	1,142	1,152	1,659	1,161		5,114

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(With Weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	94.00-105.00	79.00-90.50	78.00-87.00	86.00-114.00		
JAN 1989	(101.98)	(85.73)	(84.97)	(101.00)		91.40
LAST MON	81.00-97.00	100.00-109.00	78.00-88.00	75.00-88.00	N.E.P.	
DEC 1988	(91.79)	(106.00)	(86.45)	(82.93)		90.40
YR AGO MON	116.00-133.00	125.00-133.00	118.00-126.00	101.00-120.00		
JAN 1988	(127.97)	(132.15)	(121.69)	(111.86)		117.81
JAN/89 VOLUMES	41	68	55	32		196
AVERAGE WEIGHT	97.0 lb	99.0 lb	105.8 lb	102.3 lb	lb	101.0 lb

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 80-95 LBS TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(Weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	85.00-119.00	80.00-110.00	83.00-115.00	88.00-114.00		
JAN 1989	(96.09)	(99.01)	(98.17)	(103.73)		99.02
LAST MON	80.00-113.00	103.00-120.00	80.00-110.00	75.00-110.00	N.E.P.	
DEC 1988	(99.24)	(112.26)	(96.92)	(89.25)		98.21
YR AGO MON	N.E.P.	118.00-152.00	124.00-136.00	120.00-138.50		
JAN 1988		(131.48)	(129.96)	(128.08)		122.99
JAN/89 VOLUMES	112	130	63	82		387
AVERAGE WEIGHT	88.0 lb	87.3 lb	90.8 lb	86.6 lb	lb	87.9 lb

Prices quoted for 95-110 lb lambs are bid prices at Lambco and auction prices at Toronto Public Stockyards for good quality lambs. The lower end of the Alberta price range reflects bids for short haul or unshrunk lambs while the upper end of the range represents bids for long haul or shrunk lambs. Producers delivering to the Toronto Public Stockyards pay commission and yardage fees for each animal sold. Producers delivering to Lambco pay $1/head checkoff to the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission.

The Toronto auction price is from the Special Sheep and Lamb Sale held on Monday each week.

N.E.P. - No established price

Ron Gietz, Livestock Analyst (Acting)
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Phone: (403) 427-5376
February 02, 1989



Coming Events

1989

February 22	*Entry Date for the Ram Test Station. You are invited to enter ram lambs into this year's station test. As soon as you have decided to enter rams into this year's station test, please contact the Station Manager, Cathy Gallivan (948-8517) so the pre-entry veterinary inspection can be arranged where required.*
February 20 - 22	*Sheep Production Course. Hands on instructional course. Topics to be covered include: nutrition, management systems, facility requirements, record keeping, how to select sound sheep, lambing, condition scoring, tail docking and castration. Cost is $140.00 for all three days. Instructors for the course will be Gordon Kure, Bill Jackson and Barry Wilson. For further information call Olds College, Extension Services at 556-8344 or Jim Freeman at 556-8367.*
February 23 & 25	*Sheep Shearing Course. Hands on course to develop skills for proper shearing and foot trimming. Instructor will be Bruce McGhan. Cost is $125.00. For further information call Olds College, Extension Services at 556-8344 or Jim Freeman at 556-8367.*
February 25	*Monthly Sheep and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*
March 8	*Entry Date for the Ram Test Station. You are invited to enter ram lambs into this year's station test. As soon as you have decided to enter rams into this year's station test, please contact the Station Manager, Cathy Gallivan (948-8517) so the pre-entry veterinary inspection can be arranged where required.*

March 14	Ponoka Sheep Producers Group. Topics to be discussed include Control of Internal and External Parasites. Ponoka Provincial Building, 7:00 P.M. For further information call Brenda Ralston, 783-4476 or Wray Whitmore, 427-5083.
March 16	North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder Lambs and Easter Lamb Sale (40-60 lbs). Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information contact Bruce McGhan, Calmar at 985-3744.
March 22	Entry Date for the Ram Test Station. You are invited to enter ram lambs into this year's station test. As soon as you have decided to enter rams into this year's station test, please contact the Station Manager, Cathy Gallivan (948-8517) so the pre-entry veterinary inspection can be arranged where required.
March 25	Monthly Sheep and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, T0B 1W0, phone 878-3784.
April 5	Entry Date for the Ram Test Station. You are invited to enter ram lambs into this year's station test. As soon as you have decided to enter rams into this year's station test, please contact the Station Manager, Cathy Gallivan (948-8517) so the pre-entry veterinary inspection can be arranged where required.
April 11	Ponoka Sheep Producers Group. Topics to be discussed include Sheep Breeds and Crossbreeding Systems. Ponoka Provincial Building, 7:00 P.M. For further information call Brenda Ralston, 783-4476 or Wray Whitmore, 427-5083.

April 13	*North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder Lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information contact Bruce McGhan, Calmar at 985-3744.*
April 29	*Monthly Sheep and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*
July 21-22	*Wildrose Sheep Sale, Hereford Centre, Innisfail. Entries close April 1, 1989. To receive a catalogue in the spring, please write or call the ASBA office in Calgary at 2504 Toronto Crescent N.W., T2N 3V9, 282-6736.*
November 30 *December 1 & 2*	*1989 Alberta Sheep Symposium. Details to follow in upcoming issues.*



Risks At Lambing Time

For the tenth night in a row lambs are popping out everywhere. The ewe with the triplets has no milk. The old girl in the corner has taken a dislike to her adopted lamb. And a two-tooth has just given birth to a weakly set of twins.

Yet another trip to the warming box or the Aga where the wife is on hand to administer intensive care.

Not an unusual scenario at this time of year, but one which could have disastrous consequences if the wife, or any female assistant, happens to be pregnant.

Every year, a number of pregnant women are treated for suspected or confirmed chlamydial abortion contracted from infected sheep at lambing time - the incidence of human chlamydial infection could be even higher, as miscarriages in early pregnancy are not uncommon and often go unexplained.

Chlamydial infection has also been contracted by shepherds and non-pregnant women. They suffer from flu-like symptoms and then recover.

"Pregnant women, however, become acutely ill and require intensive nursing. If untreated the infection is potentially fatal," says David Buxton of the Moredun Institute of Edinburgh.

Workers at Moredun helped to confirm the diagnoses of human infection from the first sheep sources of Chlamydia psittaci. They were also involved in the earlier work done by the East of Scotland College which identified the original infection in sheep.

The organisms affinity with placental tissue is the key to its potentially damaging effects in the pregnant female. Pregnancy causes a state of immune suppression to accommodate the foreign body - the baby in the womb. This reduced immunity to disease makes the pregnant women less resistant to infection.

If she comes into contact with aborted material from an infected ewe or handles lambs whose fleeces are heavily contaminated with chlamydiae then there is a high risk of contracting the disease," stresses Dr. Buxton.

The later in pregnancy the more dangerous to human health the infection becomes, although, tragically, contraction of infection at any time means the loss of the baby.

The mother is at risk from the moment the placenta is formed in the first month of pregnancy.

The classic symptoms of Chlamydia psittaci infection are similar to those associated with influenza - a headache and fever which becomes progressively worse over a few days.

"If a pregnant women develops these symptoms she must see a doctor immediately," urges Dr. Buxton, "and explain that she has been in contact with lambing sheep.

"In fact anyone who develops such symptoms during the lambing period would be well advised to seek medical attention."

Precautions at Lambing

EAE cannot be diagnosed without laboratory examination of the placenta. Ewes which abort should be isolated from the flock and all aborted material disposed of properly.

Protecting Yourself

- Soap and water should be the first line of defence
- Aborted material is not highly infectious if handled sensibly and if proper hygiene is observed
- Never give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to a weakly lamb. Not only is there a risk of chlamydial infection but also of other zoonoses such as salmonellosis or toxoplasmosis
- Female assistants, shepherds' or farmers' wives who are or might be pregnant should avoid all contact with the lambing sheds.

Excerpt taken from Stock, Volume 1, No. 2.

"WILDROSE" SALE PROGRAM
SATURDAY, JULY 22, 1989
HEREFORD CENTRE, INNISFAIL, ALBERTA

ARRIVAL - Friday, July 21 - 10:00 A.M.
Pens will have been set up and bedded with shavings and/or sawdust. No straw please.

HANDLERS must provide registry certificates, transfers and Federal Flock Health Chart to sale committee representatives; also be ready to assist with (1) tattoo check (2) physical inspection and (3) lot number.

WASHING & TRIMMING if any are to be fully completed by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 21.

SIFTING & PAINT BRANDING - 4:00 p.m.

CONSIGNORS are permitted to hang breeder signs and decorate their pens as they see fit; keeping in mind that an attractive display must be maintained.

SHEEP DISPLAYED - SATURDAY, JULY 22
To commence at 8:00 - 11:00 A.M. by breeds as announced. Where classes are exceptionally large, the committee reserves the right to split into two or more classes.

LAMB BARBECUE - 11:00 A.M. - COVER CHARGE

SALE ORDER - TO BE ANNOUNCED - 12:00 NOON

SALE CATAGORIES
(1) Ewe - 2 tooth (yearling).
(2) Senior Ewe Lamb - milk teeth - born before December 31, 1988.
(3) Junior Ewe Lamb - milk teeth - born January 1, 1989, and later.
(4) Ram - 2 tooth (yearling).
(5) Senior Ram Lamb - milk teeth - born before December 31, 1988.
(6) Junior Ram Lamb - milk teeth - born January 1, 1989, and later.

*** Contacts were made at the American Sheep Industry Conference in January 1989. Look for U.S. buyers!!

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WILDROSE SALE - JULY 22, 1989

GENERAL SALE REGULATIONS
ENTRIES CLOSE APRIL 28, 1989

1. A contributor will be permitted to enter up to a maximum of THREE rams, and for each ram there must be an entry of THREE ewes from the same consignor.

2. There shall be no limit on the number of ewes entered for Sale.

3. All consignors must be a current member of the ASBA. (Fee - $20.00).

4. A contributor may place one reserve bid on any entry to the Auctioneer. In each case where the reserve bid is not reached, the seller shall be obliged to pay the full regular sale commission.

5. It is recommended that sale entries shall be shorn within the calendar year, and that all entries be washed and trimmed prior to arrival in order to achieve best presentation. Wool breeds exempt.

6. Each entry must be registered with the C.N.L.S.R., legibly tattooed and eligible for export, with said certificate and properly completed application for transfer supplied to the sale committee on or before FRIDAY, JULY 21.

7. Fully completed entry forms must be received in office of the Co-ordinator by FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1989.

8. The 3rd generation pedigree information must be provided on all entry forms.

9. Substitutions are allowed at $5.00 for rams and $5.00 for ewes to a maximum of TWO per breed. Substitutions may be made on spring lambs at no cost.

10. It is recommended that R.O.P. 100 day A.D.G. be included on the entry form.

11. If ewes are exposed, state approximate lambing date and name of stud ram.

12. ENTRY FEE of $10.00 per head must accompany your entry form.

13. The sale commission established will be deducted from each consignor's sale proceeds on the final bid price.

14. Settlement must be made to clerk of the sale on sale day, with copy of release provided to doorman before physical removal of animals will be permitted.

15. Each contributor shall obtain Agriculture Canada (Federal) Flock Health Certificates which are required to facilitate shipments for export. In event that a Flock Health Chart is NOT provided, it may be necessary to announce that such sheep are not eligible for export sale.

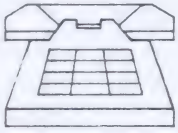
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The Alberta Sheep Breeders Association

Spider Syndrome Committee

Neatsfoot Oil in Successful Fostering

by Wayne Ralph

From Rural Research 139, Winter 1988

With the lambing season in full swing there will be plenty of orphaned lambs, bereft ewes, and particularly fecund ewes burdened with too many offspring. Given the current profitability of the wool industry, those vulnerable lambs are quite valuable and could repay the effort involved in fostering them out.

In Rural Research 128 we described a series of studies by Dr. George Alexander, Mrs. Denise Stevens and Mr. Laurie Bradley, of the CSIRO Division of Animal Production, into maternal recognition of the newborn lamb and its implications for fostering. Among the fostering procedures they tested were the use of lamb coats, odorants to confuse the ewe's sense of smell, and restraint. Since then they have extended their research, and they now feel in a position to make some firm recommendations about the use of the most effective odorant - neatsfoot oil - in the fostering process.

This oil is derived from cattle skins or hooves during the extraction of gelatin and has proved to be very effective in masking a lamb's natural odor. When it is applied to a ewe's natural progeny, the mother comes to associate the smell with her own lamb and often accepts a similarly anointed alien lamb when it appears on the scene.

However, a note of caution: for reasons unknown, in some flocks the ewes will reject their own lambs after they are treated with the oil, so first attempts at using neatsfoot oil for fostering should be both exploratory and cautious.

The scientists suggest that a ewe with a lamb at foot can generally be induced to accept another lamb provided her offspring is anointed, within a day or two of birth, with at least 250 ml of oil and left with its mother for at least 24 hours. This lamb should then be removed and the freshly anointed foster lamb introduced to its new mother.

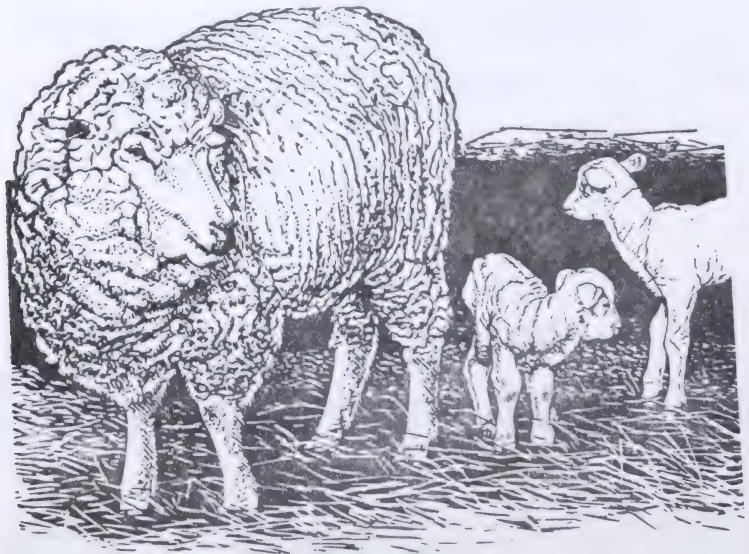
Both should be observed every few hours until suckling occurs. If suckling is not observed within about 12 hours, the attempt should be abandoned and another recipient ewe tried. The ewe's own offspring should be returned within a few hours of the foster lamb being accepted.

Sometimes problems arise because the ewe fails to accept her returning offspring. If this occurs, the ewe will need to be restrained, for several days if necessary, by placing her neck between vertical posts.

In the case of ewe whose lamb dies soon after birth, skinning that lamb and draping the skin over the foster works as well as, or better than, any other method. Coats that have been wrapped around the dead animal and contaminated with its scent can also be used, as can neatsfoot oil; it is not always possible to find the dead lamb.

The problem here is that the ewe might have had a particularly difficult birth and could have lost her maternal urges in her exhaustion. This emphasizes the need to keep lambing ewes under close observation during that critical period, with timely intervention helping to ensure successful lambing and fostering.

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DATE: **TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1989**
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: SCARLET & GOLD RESTAURANT
FORT MACLEOD, ALTA.

ZONE #2 – NANTON – LETHBRIDGE – MEDICINE HAT
DATE: **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1989**
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: HERITAGE INN, TABER, ALTA.
(DIRECTOR ELECTION SCHEDULED)

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PLACE: WHEATLAND COUNTY INN
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TIME: 7:00 P.M.
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DATE: **THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1989**
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: BRUNSWICK MOTOR INN,
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ZONE #6 – THORHILD – EDMONTON – DRAYTON VALLEY – WHITECOURT
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TIME: 7:00 P.M.
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TIME: 1:00 P.M.
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Notes From
Sheep Producers Forum
December 10 & 11, 1988
Olds College

Prepared By Ian Clark

On December 10th and 11th, the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission, Alberta Agriculture and Olds College sponsored a Sheep Producers Forum in Olds. There were producers representing Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission, the Alberta Sheep Breeders Association, the Southern Alberta Sheep Breeders, the Peace River Lamb Association, the Lloydminster Sheep Producers, the Cherhill Sheep Producers, the Lamb Feeders of Canada, the Porcupine Hills Sheep Producers, the Ponoka Sheep Producers Group, the Mountainview Sheep Producers, the North Central Sheep Producers and the Blindman Valley Sheep Producers Association.

The sheep supply and service sponsors who demonstrated their products and technology were Perry Farm Supplies, U.F.A., Unibloc Canada, Glynn Brooks and Custom Woolen Mills. There were also representatives from Northern Lights College, Dawson Creek, Agriculture Canada and the Olds College Extension Department.

The first item on the agenda was a description by Wray Whitmore of Integrated Resource Management for sheep as a way to improve flock management. He outlined what the potential is, and how an I.R.M. program might operate. Producer concerns centered on the lack of expertise among lenders in sheep management, and in the way sheep producers deal with lending institutions.

The second speaker featured on the agenda was Dr. S. Morgan Jones, from the Agriculture Canada Meat Lab in Lacombe who summarised the findings to date and probable recommendations from the recent three year lamb carcass quality study. Dr. Jones presented an unflattering comparison of current grading with the actual lean meat content of lamb and then indicated that a new objective yield classification system will probably categorise fat content into 8 carcass measurement ranges. The entire lamb quality study will be presented in final report form by the end of March.

Following Dr. Morgan Jones was Gerry Kelley, General Manager of Lambco. He spoke about Lambco's strategy to improve marketing. One of their major new initiatives is to increase cutting and packaging of lamb within the plant. Other innovative ideas for new value added lamb products are being considered.

A joint question period with Dr. Jones and Gerry Kelley demonstrated that producer concerns included lamb carcass size, ram vs wether carcasses, attractive identification of fresh local lamb, coping with the lamb glut periods, contracts for lamb purchases, quality of imported lambs, Lambco's advertising budget (currently $10,000/year), price incentives for Alberta lambs produced in the fall for the early spring market, the potential for Lambco using a salesman in other parts of Canada, the implementation of a new grading and pricing system, the use of grading information through to the retailer, retail and consumer demand for heavyweight lambs, the need for increased and specific advertising combined with effective labelling of the Canadian product, a producer advisory committee to assist Lambco in their liaison with sheep farmers, problems with making bookings at Lambco and the place of lamb feedlots in regulating the supply of finished lambs year round.

An informal session on Saturday evening chaired by Chris Harvey from B.V.S.P.A. dealt with interaction between various production groups. The consensus appeared to be that both Sheep Footnotes and the Western Sheep & Wool Producer could be used by sheep producer groups to exchange information, ideas and concerns.

On Sunday morning, Dennis Dey, a consultant with Olds College and the Farm Business Management Branch, spoke on the subject of financial management for sheep farmers. Useful records are the first step towards understanding and improving the profits of a sheep enterprise.

Following Dennis Dey's presentation Alex Ostapiuk from the Farm Management Branch demonstrated what he will be able to do in respect to collecting and analysing sheep farmers' financial data. He has agreed to work with a group of producers, who signed up at the end of the Forum, and will produce management reports for them, discuss their costs and returns at local meetings, and eventually develop a software package to facilitate the above work.

The last session on Sunday morning was an education/extension panel discussion including personnel from Olds College, Alberta Agriculture, Northern Lights College, the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission and the Southern Alberta Sheep Breeders. Olds College plays a role in formal education, short courses, practical clinics and participates in local sheep events such as Lambs in Lacombe, the R.O.P. station and the Mountainview Sheep Producers. Northern Lights College from Dawson Creek is currently demonstrating an 8 month accelerated lambing programme.

The Alberta Agriculture representatives were Cathy Gallivan, Specialist and Susan Hosford, Technician. They felt that sheep producer groups were useful because they requested specific speakers on definite subjects that interest local producers, thereby more efficiently utilising reccurses. In the future there will be increased emphasis on providing information to those producers who have been in business for more than five years.

A method of extension which has been pioneered in Susan Hosford's area is that of providing demonstrations on her own farm. This has been a way of showing large numbers of producers in one or two days how to manage sheep and carry out husbandry procedures in a controlled practical setting.

Brian Murray, as a representative of the Southern Alberta Sheep Breeders, talked about Sheeperama in Lethbridge. He also spoke of the Hays Pasture and said that the patrons of the pasture undergo an educational process by taking the sheep to pasture and talking to other shepherds whose sheep look better than theirs and then finding out how they can improve their flocks.

Comments from the floor included a vote of confidence in the sheep technicians. A suggestion was made for a seminar in Alberta on range, forestry and parks management using sheep and cattle.

It would appear very important to focus extension efforts on some particular areas of management which could have the greatest effect on profitability. The onus is on producer groups to decide which these key areas are.

The final speaker was Dr. Ted Jones from Texas A & M University. He commenced by talking about a successful sheep industry which would in turn increase the value of land in areas which raise sheep. Then he talked about increasing the value of the clip for each farm by selection of stock and care of the wool. On the subject of selection, he recounted the story of the 21 year project by cooperating sheep producers in Australia to produce the Cooroola gene.

Dr. Jones suggested that working with Canadian universities to develop a modern marketing plan for sheep products made a great deal of economic sense. He felt that our lamb quality in Alberta was very good and that our extension services were in most cases better than those in the U.S. In his opinion, our high quality products plus our management and extension abilities now need a very professional marketing plan using all of our local expertise, particularly from our educational institutions. New lamb eaters need to be identified by our university and government marketing departments and then carefully targeted.

In our marketing efforts he says that we must have an accountable project manager, an accountable committee and strategies for changing directions or, if necessary, terminating the plan. We must, in addition label our superior fresh local lamb in a very attractive and consistent manner as well as describing its virtues to the modern consumer who wishes to buy a healthy, convenient and nutritious product. Identifying our local product as being free from the potential drug residues from animal health products used in Australia and New Zealand is also essential. New cutting and packaging procedures need promotion which is meaningful and catchy. We must also pay attention to our researchers and implement their recommendations (eg. new grading system and the fact that 92% of lamb consumers would like recipe information with their purchases).

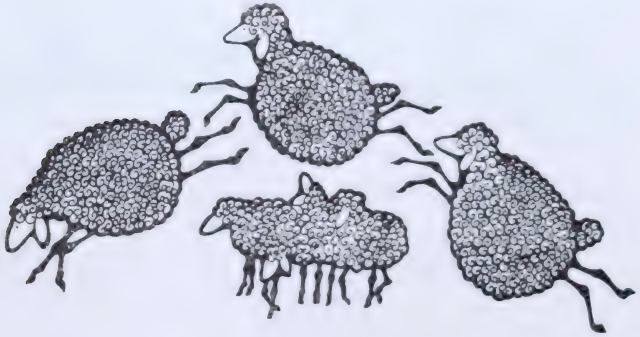
The restaurant trade in the U.S. likes very large chops and lamb legs which might indicate an avenue for market development in Canada. He also suggested that a name other than "lamb" for our meat might be beneficial. eg. in Texas a lot of goat meat is consumed under the Spanish name of "Cabrito".

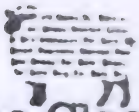
According to Dr. Jones there are a number of ways of keeping producers together in backing a major new promotion: a strong Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission with more producers attending meetings and asking for results, peer pressure to become more active, the financial incentive of selling more lamb to more consumers, etc. He suggested that a marketing regulation for all lamb sold in Western Canada to be graded under the newly developed system is politically difficult but economically justified. Also that a committee for a new marketing scheme under the aegis of the A.S.W.C., but comprising researchers, processors, marketers, government personnel, etc. needs to be formed to assess problems and goals and produce a strategic plan.

Finally, a proposal from Alan Brown for a coordinated provincial "Lamb Month" was considered. The discussion was concluded by a recommendation that a major promotional campaign be coordinated by the A.S.W.C. Promotion Committee, in cooperation with Lambco to coincide with their historic glut period and with the debut of their new shelf ready packages and cuts. The sheep producer organizations present in Olds, with a desire to assist in this effort, or with their own strategies which could operate in tandem with a provincial campaign, are to be encouraged to submit proposals to the A.S.W.C., Promotion Committee before April.

A short list of objectives for the industry included the following (by consensus):

- Produce high quality products suitable for modern consumers
- Produce consistent supply of the above
- Targeted marketing
- Attractive local product identification with attached information and recipes
- Identify resources available to our industry which can assist in our promotional efforts
- An effective method of monitoring and altering strategies.





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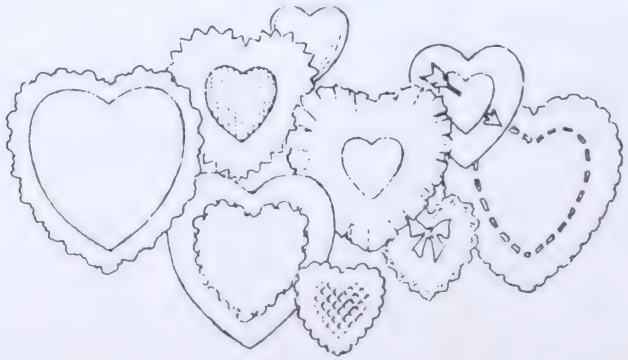
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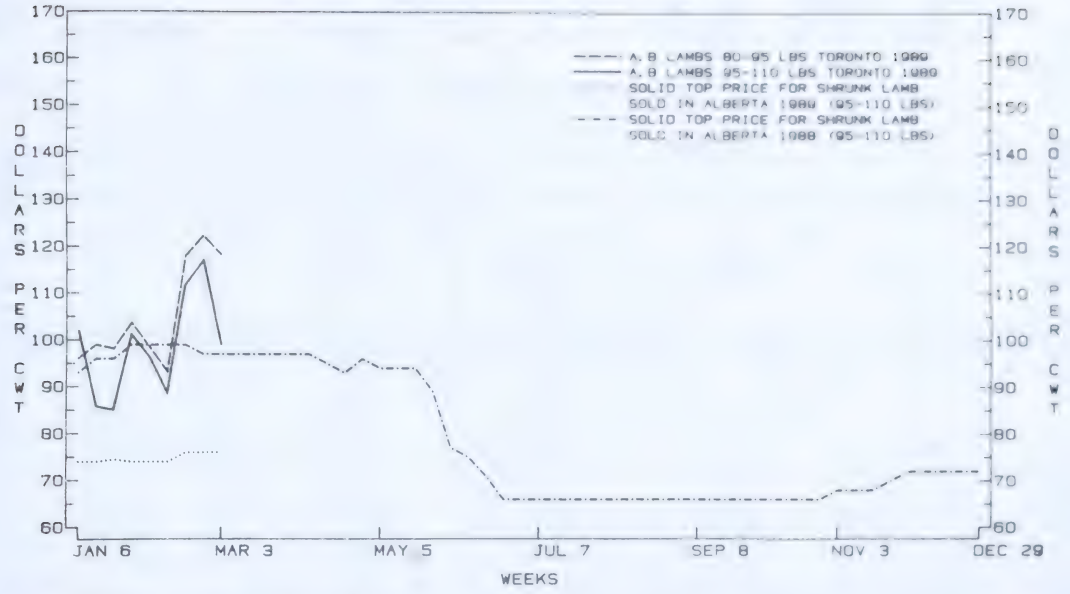
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WEEKLY AVERAGE SLAUGHTER LAMB PRICES



NOTE: INSUFFICIENT SALES FOR CERTAIN WEEKS.

Lambco bids for slaughter lambs increased in February to a $73-$76 per cwt range, or $1.61 railgrade. Further modest price increases are anticipated this spring. As is typical at this time of the year, imported lambs from the US currently make up a substantial portion of Lambco's kill. The price for railgrade cull sheep at Lambco has increased from 45 cents per lb to 60 cents per lb.

In the last sheep and lamb sale at Edmonton, heavy lambs went for $58 per cwt and market lambs for $72-$75 per cwt. Heavy feeders sold for $74-$90 while light feeder lambs traded in a $85-$90 range.

Statistics Canada's January 1, 1989 sheep and lamb inventory report is summarized in the table below. The total Canadian sheep flock has increased slightly since January 1, 1988, with largest increases in the west. Rate of growth of the sheep flock at present is greatest in Saskatchewan.

	TOTAL SHEEP AND LAMBS			1 YEAR OR OLDER			UNDER ONE YEAR OLD		
	1988	1989	89/88	1988	1989	89/88	1988	1989	89/88
	('000 head)								
Maritimes	42.1	39.3	93%	32.1	30.3	94%	10.0	9.0	90%
Quebec	73.0	76.0	104%	64.0	65.0	102%	9.0	11.0	122%
Ontario	147.0	148.0	101%	105.7	106.8	101%	41.3	41.2	100%
TOTAL EAST	262.1	263.3	100%	201.8	202.1	100%	60.3	61.2	101%
Manitoba	14.3	14.5	101%	12.1	12.2	101%	2.2	2.3	105%
Saskatchewan	32.0	34.0	106%	21.5	23.1	107%	10.5	10.9	104%
Alberta	132.0	134.0	102%	87.0	88.5	102%	45.0	45.5	101%
B.C.	35.0	35.0	100%	25.4	25.4	100%	9.6	9.6	100%
TOTAL WEST	213.5	217.5	102%	146.0	149.2	102%	67.3	68.3	101%
CANADA	475.4	480.8	101%	347.8	351.3	101%	127.6	129.5	101%

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT LAMBCO

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON						
FEB 1989	71.00-74.00	71.00-74.00	73.00-76.00	73.00-76.00		72.00-75.00
LAST MON						
JAN 1989	71.00-74.00	71.00-74.00	71.00-74.00	71.00-74.00		71.00-74.00
YR AGO MON						
FEB 1988	96.00-99.00	96.00-99.00	96.00-99.00	96.00-99.00		96.00-99.00
VOLUMES						
FEB 1989	1,075	1,230	1,529	1,332		5,166
FEB 1988	1,053	1,075	1,245	1,232		4,605

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(With Weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	84.00-106.50	75.00-89.00	104.00-120.00	87.00-134.00		
FEB 1989	(96.23)	(88.45)	(111.72)	(116.84)		108.13
LAST MON	94.00-105.00	79.00-90.50	78.00-87.00	86.00-114.00		
JAN 1989	(101.98)	(85.73)	(84.97)	(101.00)		91.40
YR AGO MON	120.00-127.00	128.00-134.00	130.00-138.00	128.00-139.00		
FEB 1988	(125.01)	(131.90)	(134.57)	135.47)		130.36
FEB/89 VOLUMES	21	18	23	60		122
AVERAGE WEIGHT	104.0 lb	103.3 lb	103.5 lb	96.6 lb		100.2 lb

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 80-95 LBS TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(Weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	80.00-118.00	83.00-114.00	100.00-132.00	112.00-134.00		
FEB 1989	(98.54)	(93.23)	(118.01)	(122.29)		104.39
LAST MON	85.00-119.00	80.00-110.00	83.00-115.00	88.00-114.00		
JAN 1989	(96.09)	(99.01)	(98.17)	(103.73)		99.02
YR AGO MON	120.00-133.00		132.00-148.00	120.00-160.00		
FEB 1988	(129.58)	(141.00)	(140.84)	(138.86)		138.29
FEB/89 VOLUMES	200	235	68	160		663
AVERAGE WEIGHT	86.5 lb	85.5 lb	85.8 lb	87.2 lb		86.2 lb

Prices quoted for 95-110 lb lambs are bid prices at Lambco and auction prices at Toronto Public Stockyards for good quality lambs. The lower end of the Alberta price range reflects bids for short haul or unshrunk lambs while the upper end of the range represents bids for long haul or shrunk lambs. Producers delivering to the Toronto Public Stockyards pay commission and yardage fees for each animal sold. Producers delivering to Lambco pay $1/head checkoff to the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission.

The Toronto auction price is from the Special Sheep and Lamb Sale held on Monday each week.

N.E.P. - No established price

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MARKET

REPRESENTATIVE LIVE SALES
February 24, 1989

AREA	TYPE OF SHEEP	TYPE OF SALE	NUMBER	WEIGHT	WEIGHING CONDITIONS		PRICE ($/CWT.)
WEST COAST							
California	Pasture	Direct	45000	120-130	125 to 130 lb. wt. steps, some with no step wts., FOB 4% shr.		67.00-68.00
MOUNTAIN							
Montana	Old Crop	Auction	357	100-145	Choice, wooled		60.50-70.00
Wyoming	Feedlot	Direct	400	120	30 cents off @125 lbs., shorn, FOB 4% shr.		69.0
Colorado	Feedlot	Direct	1492	127-141	Killout, full wooled to spring pelts		62.09-66.2
Colorado	Feedlot	Direct	176	126	Killout, fall clip pelts		64.80
Colorado	Feeder	Auction	150	90- 95	Choice & fancy, wooled		79.00-81.00
Colorado	Feeder	Auction	125	100-110	Choice & fancy, wooled		76.50-79.50
Montana	Feeder	Auction	150	60- 80	Choice & fancy, wooled		65.75-73.75
Montana	Feeder	Auction	350	80-100	Choice & fancy, wooled		65.75-71.75
Wyoming	Feeder	Auction	200	85-100	Choice & fancy, wooled		78.00-80.50
Wyoming	Feeder	Direct	500	85	Choice & fancy, wooled, FOB overnight		75.06
Wyoming	Feeder	Direct	500	112	Choice & fancy, wooled, FOB 3% shr.		71.70
Colorado	SL Ewe	Auction	250		Cull to good		21.00-29.00
Montana	SL Ewe	Auction	100		Good		28.50-33.50
Montana	SL Ewe	Auction	150		Utility		19.50-29.00
Colorado	Stock Ewe	Auction	125		Good mixed age ewes with lamb	(per set)	82.50-95.00
Montana	Stock Ewe	Auction	350		Ewes & lambs, good	(per set)	92.50-97.50
Montana	Stock Ewe	Auction	125		Ewes & lambs, medium	(per set)	75.00
SOUTH CENTRAL							
Oklahoma	Old Crop	Tele-Auction	1200	120-125	30 cents off @120 lbs., $2 wooled disc., FOB overnight stand		71.00-71.25
Texas	Old Crop	Auction	225	100-125	Choice & prime, shorn		68.00-71.00
Texas	Old Crop	Auction	150	95-110	Choice & prime, wooled		72.00-75.00
Texas	Feedlot	Direct	1000	100-110	Choice & prime, shorn, guaranteed 51% yield		67.00-68.00
Texas	Feedlot	Direct	4000	110-120	Choice & prime, shorn, guaranteed 51% yield		65.00-67.00
Kansas	Feeder	Auction	150	45- 90	Good & choice, wooled		74.00-79.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	200	40- 60	New crop, choice & fancy, wooled		94.00-100.
Texas	Feeder	Auction	700	60- 70	Choice & fancy, wooled		80.00-85.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	900	70- 90	Choice & fancy, wooled		77.00-87.50
Texas	Feeder	Auction	200	90-100	Choice & fancy, wooled		72.00-80.00
Texas	SL Ewe	Auction	600		Good		48.00-55.00
Texas	SL Ewe	Auction	700		Utility		40.00-48.00
Texas	SL Ewe	Auction	200		Cull		30.00-40.00
Texas	Stock Ewe	Auction	125	90	Ewe lambs		91.00
Texas	Stock Ewe	Auction	400		Ewes & baby lambs	(per head)	38.50-50.00
NORTH CENTRAL							
Iowa-S. Minn.	Old Crop	Direct	3975	115-125	30 to 40 cents off wts. over 110 lbs, $5 buck disc., FOB 4% shr.		67.00-70.00
Minnesota	Old Crop	Auction	590	105-130	$2 wool discount, choice & prime		64.00-69.00
South Dakota	Old Crop	Auction	500	111-131	Choice & prime, wooled & shorn		68.00-71.85
Wisconsin	Old Crop	Computer	430	114	$2 wool & $5 buck disc., 30 cents off @120 lbs., 3% shr.		72.75
Minnesota	Feedlot	Computer	1170	127	Choice & prime, shorn, 3% shr.		71.00-71.50
Nebraska	Feedlot	Direct	400	125	30 cents off @125 lbs., shorn, FOB 4% shr.		70.50
South Dakota	Feedlot	Direct	2000	125-135	30 cents off @125 lbs., shorn, FOB 4% shr.		70.00
South Dakota	Feedlot	Direct	1200	140-145	30 cents off @120 lbs., wooled, FOB 4% shr.		69.50
EASTERN							
Michigan	Old Crop	Auction	1500	100-120	20 cents off @120 lbs., $5 buck disc.		68.00-72.00
Ohio	Old Crop	Computer	350	124	30 cents off @120 lbs., shorn, $5 buck disc., 3% shr.		70.00
Virginia	Old Crop	Computer	600	109-110	$2 wool & $3 choice disc., choice & prime		71.25-71.75

•• WOOL UPDATE ••

Shearing activity increased in California this week as the weather improved. Demand is good for available supplies as foreign markets strengthened. Near 25,000 pounds mixed 64/62's sold in California at $1.75 grease FOB. In Arizona late last week, 6,000 fleeces 62/64's sold for $1.80-1.90 grease FOB. Shearing continues in New Mexico and Texas with no wools offered yet. In the Midwest, farm flock fleece wools ranged 75-85 cents to the farmer on blackface 48's to 58's and $85-1.00 on whiteface 54's to 58's with a few whiteface 60's to 64's from $1.10-1.50 depending on the percent of grade and yield. A load of grade 54's staple sold for $2.00 clean delivered to the mill.

After the dramatic fall seen last week, foreign auctions rebounded this week as did the value of the Australian currency. The Australian dollar continued to fall early in the week to a low of 81 cents but rebounded by week's end to settle on Thursday at 83 cents. The market indicator in Australia rebounded 31A cents per kilo clean to end the week at 961A cents per kilo clean, putting the market indicator only 8A cents below the level of 3 weeks ago. Most micron categories increased 38-43 cents with the coarser grades, except for 30 micron between 2 and 7A cents. Also, the 24 micron category lagged behind the rest at with a 15A cents increase. The market was buoyed by the announcement that the AWC would be using intervention levels to firm the market. However, AWC intervention, 3.6 percent, was actually less than it was last week despite the announcement. Comparing the Australian market in U.S. dollar terms prior to the fall of the Australian dollar, prices are still 5-10 percent below the levels seen two weeks ago with the greatest percentage declines in the finer micron categories.

Closing micron category prices and movement on last week was as follows: 19M-1701(+43), 20M-1394(+46), 21M-1124(+48), 22M-1071(+43), 23M-991(+33), 24M-911(+15), 25M-830(+31), 26M-713(+23), 27M-658(+19), 28M-+7), 30M-578(+38), MC-634(+3), XC-558(+2), indicator-961(+31).

The New Zealand closed marginally lower this week with the market indicator closing at 673NZ cents per kilo clean. European interests were the major players in the market. The South African market eased 68 cents this week with market indicator closing at R2,080 cents per kilo clean.



Coming Events

1989

March 14	*Ponoka Sheep Producers Group. Topics to be discussed include Control of Internal and External Parasites. Ponoka Provincial Building, 7:00 P.M. For further information call Brenda Ralston, 783-7073 or Wray Whitmore, 427-5083.*
March 16	*North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder Lambs and Easter Lamb Sale (40-60 lbs). Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information contact Bruce McGhan, Calmar at 985-3744.*
March 22	*Entry Date for the Ram Test Station. You are invited to enter ram lambs into this year's station test. As soon as you have decided to enter rams into this year's station test, please contact the Station Manager, Cathy Gallivan (948-8517) so the pre-entry veterinary inspection can be arranged where required.*
March 25	*Monthly Sheep and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*
April 5	*Entry Date for the Ram Test Station. You are invited to enter ram lambs into this year's station test. As soon as you have decided to enter rams into this year's station test, please contact the Station Manager, Cathy Gallivan (948-8517) so the pre-entry veterinary inspection can be arranged where required.*
April 8 & 9	*Sheep Shearing Course. Hands on course to develop skills for proper shearing and foot trimming. Sheep Unit at Lakeland College, Vermilion. Will start at 9:00 A.M. Instructor will be Bruce McGhan. Cost is $120.00 For further information call 853-8444.*

April 11	*Ponoka Sheep Producers Group. Topics to be discussed include Sheep Breeds and Crossbreeding Systems. Ponoka Provincial Building, 7:00 P.M. For further information call Brenda Ralston, 783-7073 or Wray Whitmore, 427-5083.*
April 13	*North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder Lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information contact Bruce McGhan, Calmar at 985-3744.*
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May 25	*North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder Lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information contact Bruce McGhan, Calmar at 985-3744.*
May 27	*Monthly Sheep and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*
July 21-22	*Wildrose Sheep Sale, Hereford Centre, Innisfail. Entries close April 1, 1989. To receive a catalogue in the spring, please write or call the ASBA office in Calgary at 2504 Toronto Crescent N.W., T2N 3V9, 282-6736.*
July 27-29	*Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede. Classes for Suffolk, Columbia, Hampshires and Cheviots. If interested in other breeds please give us a call. For an agricultural prize list contact the Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede Association, Box 1298, Medicine Hat, T1A 7N1 or call 526-3979.*
November 30 *December 1 & 2*	*1989 Alberta Sheep Symposium. Details to follow in upcoming issues.*



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The stanchion part of the pen has three purposes: to prevent lambs getting stepped on by a ewe circling around in the pen; to allow the shepherd to introduce the ewe to her lambs in cases where he or she is assigning a different family to the ewe than what she gave birth to; and to hold the occasional nervous or ornery ewe still for the lambs to nurse.

The more lambs a ewe has, the greater the chance of some getting stepped on and killed as she circles around attending to them all. The stanchion virtually eliminates this. Ewes should always be recently shorn before putting them in the pen (whether stanchion or non-stanchion), because no pen design can prevent her lying down on a lamb. If she is in full fleece, she may not notice that the lump she is lying on is struggling to get free.

People are often concerned that lambs will be lost because of the ewe being unable to clean the lamb's nose off right after birth. In our experience, many fewer lambs are lost this way than are lost from being stepped on in a non-stanchion pen. If many of your lambs have an extremely tough membrane on their faces at birth (hard for the ewe to remove even if she is not in a stanchion) you will want to talk to your vet; some infection problems can cause this.

When you want a ewe to mother a different assortment of lambs than she gave birth to, either for disease control or because she has milk for more lambs than her own, it works best if she cannot see or smell any lambs at all until you have her new family assembled, even if it means a delay of several hours. The first lambs she meets after she gives birth, even if it is a few hours later, she will regard as her family. If she is allowed to bond with some lambs, and then you try to foist different ones on her, she will resent them. You can take her lambs away in the meantime, or you can put a partition across the pen by the stanchion, so that lambs can nurse but the ewe cannot see or smell them. If you leave her own lambs with her and then add a foster lamb, be sure that new lamb gets some colostrum - if the other lambs have milked the ewe out, give the new one some colostrum from another ewe or from a cow. (You can freeze small containers of cow colostrum ahead of lambing time.)

These pens are raised 18" off the floor partly for the lamb's sake - it gets them out of the worst drafts and the slotted floor assures a dry pen (remember to set the pens up with the front of the pen three or four inches higher then the back), and partly for the shepherd's sake. Pens should be scraped clean of manure twice a day; this is much easier in these than at floor level. (We use a hoe with the handle sawed short.) Feeding and watering also can be done with a minimum of bending over. Any containers can be used for feed and water; we like old plastic four liter oil jugs, laid on their sides with the upper side cut out. They are clean, hard to tip over, and unlike most plastics they aren't brittle in cold weather. We use the white ones for water and the orange ones for grain and canola pellets; this colour coding prevents making a porridgey mess by mistake. The raised pens are particularly appreciated when one has to assist a difficult birth, as you only have to kneel in the much rather than lie down in it.

We had wondered if it would be hard to load the ewes into these raised pens, but with a little grain bribery they jump in quite readily.

For most breeds of sheep, put them in the pens 140 days after they were bred; this allows them a day or more to settle in before lambing. Breeds such as Rambouillet, which have a longer gestation, could be put in on day 143.

All but one of our 180 ewes became accustomed to the pen and seemed quite relaxed within a few hours; however we have no experience with very high strung sheep such as Cheviots in these pens - nervous sheep are not suited to a high management type of shepherding, either in terms of their own happiness or that of the shepherd.

* For detailed plans of the lambing stanchions, contact Wray Whitmore at 427-5083.



MEDICINE LAKE PROVINCIAL GRAZING RESERVE

SHEEP PASTURE

The Medicine Lake P. G. R. Sheep Operation enjoyed a very successful 1988 season. The reserve is located 4½ miles west and 3½ miles south of Winfield, Alberta where some 9,500 acres have been developed to pasture both sheep and cattle.

In 1988 24 patrons entered close to 2,000 sheep. A non-breeding flock catered to patrons who wished to take their animals home early to breed and the breeding flock was serviced by 20 rams provided by the Sheep Grazing Association. Only six predatory kills were recorded during the season and thirteen other deaths were recorded and linked to natural causes. The predator control program at the reserve continues to be very successful.

The first sheep entered the pasture on May 10, 1988 and the last were removed on October 6, 1988 for a 5-month grazing season. Costs in 1988 were $0.11/day for grazing and salt, minerals & pharmaceuticals.

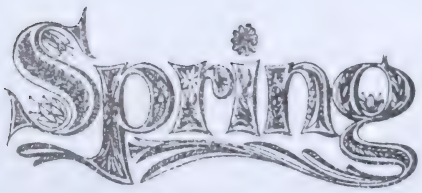
At entry all sheep were footbathed, dewormed and checked by a veterinarian and grazing reserve staff. As part of the footrot control program all sheep were footbathed at 1 month intervals throughout the grazing season. As a result of this program, no confirmed cases of footrot have been found on the pasture for the last 6 years.

Glen Bray the Grazing Reserve Supervisor and Don Stannard the Sheep Boss are looking forward to another successful year in 1989 and are prepared to handle an even larger flock. Entry dates are tentatively set as follows:

FIRST ENTRY	May 10, 1989
SECOND ENTRY	June 2, 1989
THIRD ENTRY	June 23, 1989

Applications and further information are avilable for the 1989 season by contacting:

West Central Grazing Reserves
P. O. Box 411
DRAYTON VALLEY, AB T0E 0M0
Telephone: 542-3537



"WILDROSE" SALE PROGRAM
SATURDAY, JULY 22, 1989
HEREFORD CENTRE, INNISFAIL, ALBERTA

ARRIVAL - Friday, July 21 - 10:00 A.M.
Pens will have been set up and bedded with shavings and/or sawdust. No straw please.

HANDLERS must provide registry certificates, transfers and Federal Flock Health Chart to sale committee representatives; also be ready to assist with (1) tattoo check (2) physical inspection and (3) lot number.

WASHING & TRIMMING if any are to be fully completed by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 21.

SIFTING & PAINT BRANDING - 4:00 p.m.

CONSIGNORS are permitted to hang breeder signs and decorate their pens as they see fit; keeping in mind that an attractive display must be maintained.

SHEEP DISPLAYED - SATURDAY, JULY 22
To commence at 8:00 - 11:00 A.M. by breeds as announced. Where classes are exceptionally large, the committee reserves the right to split into two or more classes.

LAMB BARBECUE - 11:00 A.M. - COVER CHARGE

SALE ORDER - TO BE ANNOUNCED - 12:00 NOON

SALE CATAGORIES
(1) Ewe - 2 tooth (yearling).
(2) Senior Ewe Lamb - milk teeth - born before December 31, 1988.
(3) Junior Ewe Lamb - milk teeth - born January 1, 1989, and later.
(4) Ram - 2 tooth (yearling).
(5) Senior Ram Lamb - milk teeth - born before December 31, 1988.
(6) Junior Ram Lamb - milk teeth - born January 1, 1989, and later.

*** Contacts were made at the American Sheep Industry Conference in January 1989. Look for U.S. buyers!!

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION & CATALOGUES
Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association
2504 Toronto Crescent N.W.
Calgary, Alberta T2N 3V9
(403) 282-6736

SALE COMMITTEE
Edith Williams - 784-3511
Mike Bunting - 843-6820
Robert Jackson - 335-4348
Warren Moore - 749-2023

WILDROSE SALE - JULY 22, 1989

GENERAL SALE REGULATIONS
ENTRIES CLOSE APRIL 28, 1989

1. A contributor will be permitted to enter up to a maximum of THREE rams, and for each ram there must be an entry of THREE ewes from the same consignor.

2. There shall be no limit on the number of ewes entered for Sale.

3. All consignors must be a current member of the ASBA. (Fee - $20.00).

4. A contributor may place one reserve bid on any entry to the Auctioneer. In each case where the reserve bid is not reached, the seller shall be obliged to pay the full regular sale commission.

5. It is recommended that sale entries shall be shorn within the calendar year, and that all entries be washed and trimmed prior to arrival in order to achieve best presentation. Wool breeds exempt.

6. Each entry must be registered with the C.N.L.S.R., legibly tattooed and eligible for export, with said certificate and properly completed application for transfer supplied to the sale committee on or before FRIDAY, JULY 21.

7. Fully completed entry forms must be received in office of the Co-ordinator by FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1989.

8. The 3rd generation pedigree information must be provided on all entry forms.

9. Substitutions are allowed at $5.00 for rams and $5.00 for ewes to a maximum of TWO per breed. Substitutions may be made on spring lambs at no cost.

10. It is recommended that R.O.P. 100 day A.D.G. be included on the entry form.

11. If ewes are exposed, state approximate lambing date and name of stud ram.

12. ENTRY FEE of $10.00 per head must accompany your entry form.

13. The sale commission established will be deducted from each consignor's sale proceeds on the final bid price.

14. Settlement must be made to clerk of the sale on sale day, with copy of release provided to doorman before physical removal of animals will be permitted.

15. Each contributor shall obtain Agriculture Canada (Federal) Flock Health Certificates which are required to facilitate shipments for export. In event that a Flock Health Chart is NOT provided, it may be necessary to announce that such sheep are not eligible for export sale.



WILDROSE SALE

July 22, 1989 - Innisfail, Alberta

Hereford Centre - 12:00 Noon

BREED _____

CONSIGNOR'S NAME _____ TEL _____

ADDRESS _____ POSTAL CODE _____

NAME OF ANIMAL _____ TATTOO _____

REG. NO _____ SEX _____ TYPE OF BIRTH (____) (S, Tw, Tr) BIRTH DATE _____ (D M Y)

BREED CLASS NO _____

SECTION _____

R.O.P. DATA (kg)

Type of Test

Home _____ Station _____

50 da. adj. wt. _____

100 da adj wt _____

A.D.G. _____

Multiple Lamb Index _____

ANCESTRY (indicate type of birth in brackets)

SIRE _____ ( )

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DAM _____ ( )

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DAM OF DAM _____ ( )

FOOTNOTE: (15 words or less) _____

MAIL ENTRIES TO:
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2504 Toronto Crescent N.W.
Calgary, Alberta T2N 3V9
Telephone: (403) 282-6736

DATE _____ SIGNATURE _____

ENTRY FEE: RAMS $10.00 - EWES $10.00



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LAMB MORTALITY

Steve Mason
Sheep Specialist
Abbotsford, B.C.

Hypothermia and Starvation

One of the most obvious constraints to profitability in B.C. sheep flocks is lamb mortality. In some cases, up to 30% of the potential lamb crop is lost between late pregnancy and weaning due to a number of causes ranging from poor nutrition of the ewe in pregnancy to predation of lambs on pasture. Since 80-85% of the costs of producing a lamb will have been incurred before birth, a major effort must be made to bring the lamb successfully to market in order to cover those costs. A lamb which dies at two days of age will never provide a return on investment.

Although there are many potential causes of mortality between birth and weaning, the highest proportion of losses occurs in the first few days of life due to hypothermia and starvation.

(1) Hypothermia

This term refers to a body temperature below the normal 39-40°C. A lamb is born with a small reserve of energy which, in the course of its metabolism, provides heat. When the lamb is losing heat to the environment faster than heat can be produced within its body, hypothermia occurs. Several factors can influence the balance between heat production and heat loss:

(a) during a difficult birth a lamb may have consumed a large proportion of its energy reserves, reducing the potential for heat production.
(b) the longer the time between birth and first feeding, the more depleted energy reserves become.
(c) small lambs have a higher ratio of body surface to body volume than large lambs, meaning that heat can be lost at a high rate relative to its rate of production.
(d) newborn lambs lose heat at a much higher rate when they are wet than when they are dry. Evaporation of moisture from the surface causes cooling.

Recognition of Hypothermia

Since hypothermia relates to reduced body temperature, the obvious diagnostic tool is a rectal thermometer. A small amount of lubricant will allow the placement of the thermometer in the rectum without risk or injury.

Treatment of Hypothermia

(a) Moderate hypothermia (temperature 37-39°C) in a lamb less than 5 hours old: In most cases a lamb this young will still have some energy reserve and, therefore glucose administration will not be necessary. The lamb should first be vigorously towel-dried and then given colostrum. If it can nurse, encourage it; if not, feed 2 ounces by stomach tube at two hour intervals. The lamb need not be warmed with more than a heat lamb in a draft-free claiming pen.

(b) Serious hypothermia (temperature less than 37°C) in a lamb less than 5 hours old: This lamb should again be dried and warmed, but rapid warming becomes more important. This can be accomplished by plunging the lamb into warm (40°C) water or by using a warming box such as that shown in Figure 1. The air surrounding the lamb should have a temperature of 37-40°C. A higher temperature can cause fatal hyperthermia. When the lamb's rectal temperature has reached 38°C, it should receive colostrum, as before.

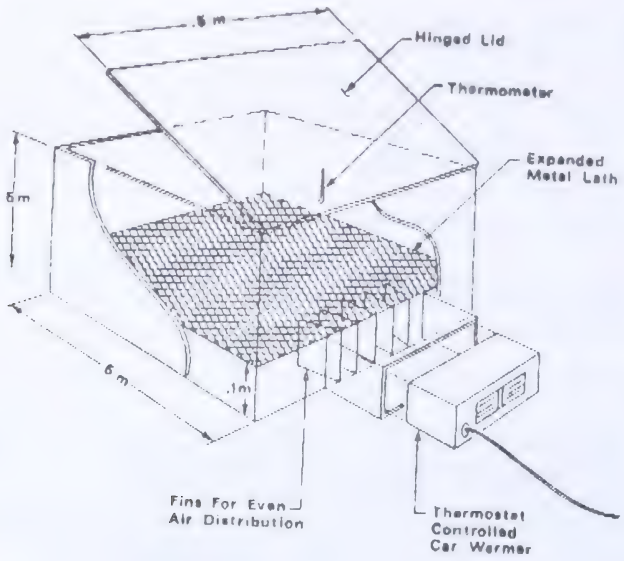


Figure 1 Lamb warmer

(c) Serious hypothermia (less than 37°C) in a lamb over 5 hours old: This lamb has likely utilized a large proportion of its energy reserves and is hypoglycemic (low blood glucose). It should again be towel dried but subsequent heating without glucose administration can result in death from a lack of glucose available to the brain.

Warm (39°C) glucose solution is most effectively administered by intraperitoneal injection but scrupulous attention to cleanliness is essential.

The dosage is 10 ml per kg body weight of a 20% glucose solution (40% solution diluted 1:1 with boiled water). A sterile syringe and new one inch by 20 gauge needle must be used. The lamb is suspended by its front legs with the needle entering a scrubbed area of the abdomen 1 cm to the side and 2 cm behind the navel, aiming (at a 45° angle) toward the lamb's rump. An intramuscular dose of antibiotic will help prevent infection, but is no substitute for absolute cleanliness.

The glucose can alternatively be given subcutaneously but absorption into the blood is much slower by this route and there is some risk of abscess formation. When the subcutaneous route is used, distribute the dose over 2 sites, preferably under the loose skin behind the front or ahead of the hind legs. Again, absolute cleanliness is essential to prevent abscess formation.

(2) Starvation:

This is the most common cause of lamb mortality and the level of losses in a flock is strictly related to management. Unless lambs receive colostrum within two or three hours of birth, body energy reserves become critically depleted. Some of our best managers will tip each ewe at lambing, check her udder and assist every lamb with its first meal. This is followed by careful scrutiny of ewes and lambs two or three times a day until one is confident that the lambs are off to a successful start.

Recognition of Starvation

Starvation typically occurs during the first three days of life. A lamb will be found standing with head down, ears drooping, back arched, or it may be too weak to stand. On palpation, the stomach is empty. Shivering, shaking and hypothermia may follow but this hypothermic lamb is typically over 12 hours of age.

Treatment of Starvation

Treatment should begin with revival if the lamb is too weak to suck. In this case, feeding with a stomach tube may be necessary. Subsequent treatment depends upon the source of the problem, of which there are several possibilities. The accompanying chart outlines these possible problems in a manner which should lead you to a solution.

Intensive Care

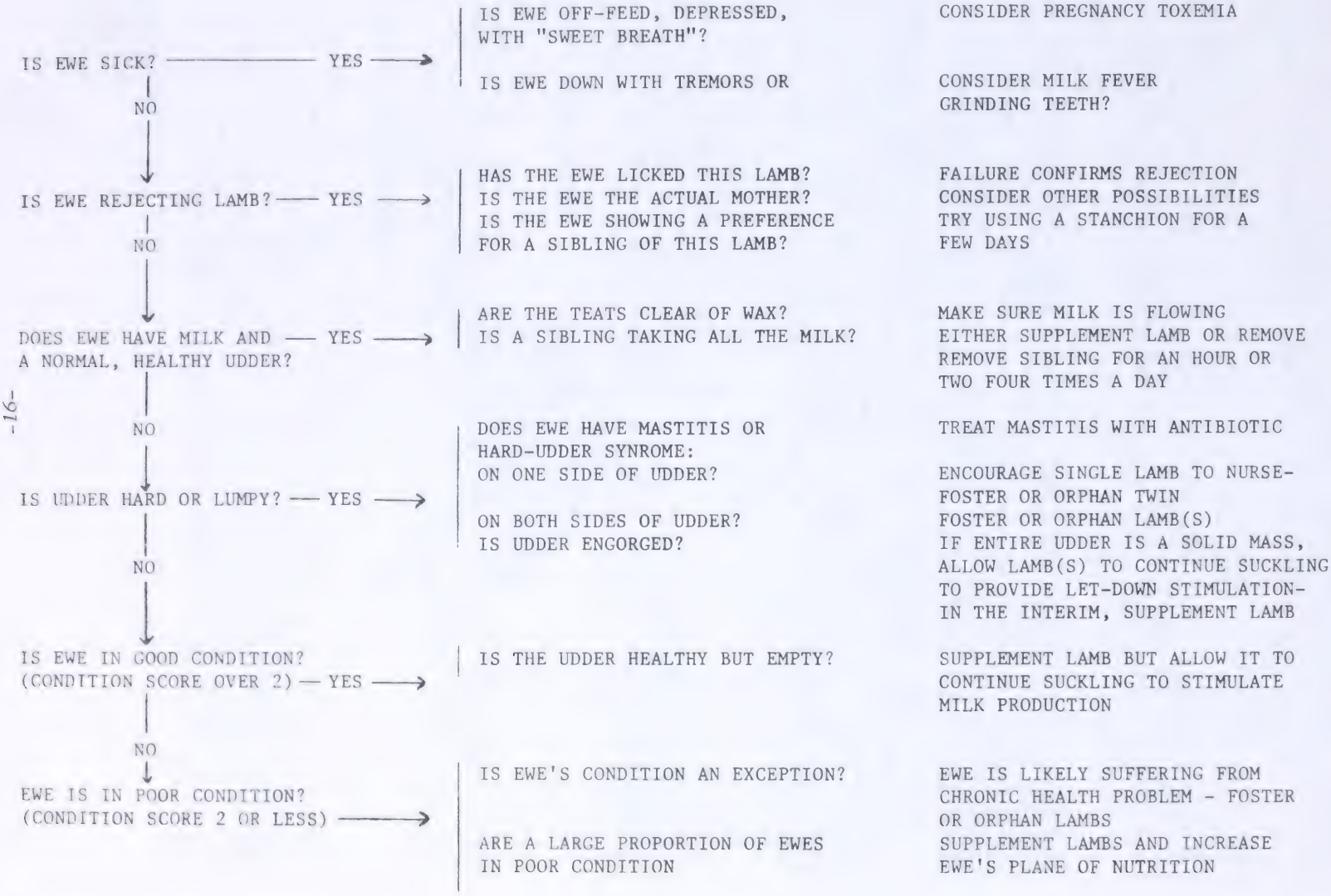
Lambs which have been severely stressed by hypothermia or starvation will require a day or two of intensive care. A lamb which is still weak after treatment cannot be simply returned to the ewe. It will not suck and is at risk of being injured in the confinement of the claiming pen. On the other hand, the ewe may fail to accept a young lamb which has been kept from her for a significant length of time.

A disposable cardboard box or an 8 to 10 inch partition in the corner of the (preferably enlarged) claiming pen prevents injury but allows the ewe to smell the lamb. A heat lamb placed 4 feet above the lamb should provide enough heat to warm it without risk of overheating. Small, frequent feedings by stomach tube may be necessary until the lamb gains enough strength to nurse.

Summary

Hypothermia and starvation are the two principal causes of early lamb mortality and may result in losses of 5-20% of lambs born alive. The recognition and treatment of these two problems will return significant dividends.

TROUBLE SHOOTING CHART FOR STARVING LAMB



The Classifieds

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RAMBOUILLET CROSSBRED ewe lambs for June/July delivery. Born Jan/Feb '89. All twin and triplet births. Growthy, well cared for lambs from clean flock. Sired Rambouillet/Dams Suffolk x Finn, and Suffolk x Dorset x Finn. Also Suffolk sire x Rambouillet dams. Small lots choice $125.00. Volume orders - price negotiated. Call Eli, Twilight Colony, Falher, 837-8120 (4)

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WINDHOVER FARM is pleased to announce that their entire breeding flock of purebred Dorsets was tested for Maedi Visna/OPP in September 1988. None of the sheep were positive. As a check, 50% of the flock was re-tested in December 1988, again without a single positive result. We have several high-indexing September-born Dorset ram lambs from these sheep available for sale. For more information, write Windhover Farm, Box 78, Spruce View, TOM 1VO or call Pete McCart, 728-3035 (4)

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29 SUFFOLK/HAMPSHIRE ewes. Crosses and purebreds. 1 purebred North Country Cheviot ewe. 7 bred ewe lambs - Suffolk crosses. Some have lambed. Most due late March - late April. Call Rick Hobbs, Warburg, 848-2672 (4)

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BRED EWES due to lamb in May. Ewe lambs Suffolk/ Finn cross, $100-$150. Please phone mornings before 10:00 and evenings. Richard Colling, Didsbury, 335-8666 (4)

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2 YOUNG rams, 1/2 Polypay, 1/4 Targhee, 1/4 Suffolk. 2 more young rams, 1/2 Targhee, 1/4 Polypay, 1/4 Suffolk. Call Donna Hawley, Pickardville, 961-3688 (4)

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EWE LAMBS, crosses from Suffolk, Finn and Rambouillet. From very productive ewes, selected from ROP for 14 years. No hormones used. Approx. 50 lambs. Will be available in late April. Call Katarina Sjoquist, Valleyview, 524-2465 (4)

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SOME DOES due to kid April 1, 1989 and registered bucks. Due to health reasons. Call Wild Rose Hollo Farm, 675-4099 (4)

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REGISTERED ALPINE buck - $300. Registered Tog doe to kid March - $200. Registered Nubian buck - $200. Also offering 1989 kids - Nubian, Tog, and Alpine $150-$300 each. Some first freshening does. Will deliver. Free delivery on orders of $1000 or more. Call Linda Giroux, Ft. Saskatchewan, 998-4277 (4)

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GRADE MILKING does. Freshened November & December. Gentle & easy to milk for those extra lambs $75 - $125.00. Call Rick Hobbs, Warburg, 848-2672 (4)

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REGISTERED ANGORA goats. Buck and doe kids. From Whelp Brook farm - the breeder of the highest indexing buck on the 1988 Western Canadian performance test. Dorothy Broadbent, 783-5927 (4)

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'81 INTERNATIONAL 1900 466 diesel, tandem. 3 deck, wooden box (26 ft) for hauling sheep. Call Kim Woolfitt, Olds, 556-8202 (4)

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WANTED - MISCELLANEOUS

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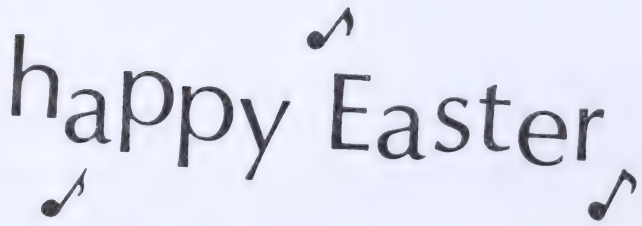
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